



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

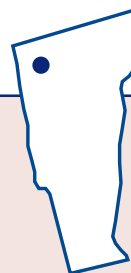
Northwest Regional Planning Commission, VT

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Northwest Regional Planning Commission (RPC) was selected to receive an assessment grant. The Northwest RPC serves 23 small, rural municipalities in Franklin and Grand Isle Counties. Only three of the municipalities in the Northwest RPC have populations over 5,000, and ten have populations under 1,500. The region is a gateway to New England, which is bordered by New York and Canada, and is a major transportation corridor for commercial traffic. Grand Isle County is a major tourism destination, and Franklin County is a center for maple production and the dairy industry. Potential brownfields scattered throughout the region include abandoned gas stations, junkyards, landfills, rail properties, power generation houses, and fertilizer manufacturing facilities.



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (RPC) for a brownfields assessment grant. The Northwest RPC will use grant funds to inventory and prioritize brownfields sites, conduct Phase I site assessments at 6-8 sites contaminated by petroleum and 3-4 sites contaminated by hazardous substances, conduct Phase II assessments at one or two sites contaminated by petroleum and one site contaminated by hazardous substances, and conduct a Phase III assessment at one site based on results of the Phase II assessments. Grant funds also will be used to help municipalities and regional organizations with community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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Grant Recipient: Northwest Regional Planning Commission, VT

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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, Northwest Regional Planning Commission has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.